IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : Katsushige MARUI, et al.

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For: : HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE SUBMODULE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 13, 2009, the due date for which is extended one month with the attached petition, applicants request that the Office Action be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks as shown below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.